

Little Brother House
Hammond Street near Bay Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-422

Soon to be demolished, the Little Brother House may once have been a free standing frame dwelling similiar to 20 West Street (T-33). It is one-and-a-half stories high and has an enclosed corner stair. Most recently the building was attached as a wing to a mid nineteenth century house.

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Little Brother House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Hammond Street near Bay Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

___OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: none

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

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STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bozman

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21612

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

See Description

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE 1975
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small frame structure now stands on the east side of Hammond Street near Bay. Until it was moved in 1975 it was a rear addition to one of the so-called Langsdale House, Island House, (T-324), which stood at #122 North Washington Street until it was also moved to #218 Bay Street in 1975. The building faces west.

As it now stands "Little Brother" is three bays wide and two stories high. It is two bays deep with a one bay shed on the front. The second floor was added when the building was connected to the Island House, probably late in the nineteenth century. In its earliest form the house would have had one story plus an attic and a gable roof.

Early exterior details remain only on the front facade. There is a center entrance with frame trimmed with a bead and a quarter-round backband molding. The two windows which flank the door have identical trim. They once held six over six sashes and had louvered shutters. Only the bed mold of the box cornice remains. The weatherboard of the facade has a 5/8 inch bead; it is of random widths which probably average about seven inches. The detailing of this facade is quite bold.

The other weatherboarding, trim and roof coverings were likely added later, possibly after the building was attached to the house.

Inside, the house has one large room on the first floor and two rooms in the second floor addition.

The second floor is reached by an enclosed corner stair in the north east corner. The stair appears to be original to the earliest form of the building and is enclosed with verticle boarding. The stair door is board and batten and retains its HL hinges as does the small board and batten door to a cupboard under the stair. In the south east corner of the first floor room is a tiny kitchen; it appears to be a later addition built into the corner and reached by a narrow board and batten door.

In the rear of the building, opposite the entrance door is a window. Another first floor window is found in the western bay of the north wall. Two windows on the east wall of the second floor were added along with the second floor. When this structure was attached to the Island House a door was added in the present north wall.

Early pine flooring probably exists on both levels although it is presently covered with later flooring or with linoleum. Further study of this structure may reveal more early materials.

The building is in ruinous condition and threatened with demolition..

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Unknown

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant for its architecture. It could have been built as early of the last decade of the eighteenth century. If so it would be one of the earliest structures remaining in the town of Easton. Even if not constructed until the early nineteenth century, its well-proportioned facade and bold detailing are attractive and now rare in the town of Easton. The interior stair is well preserved and attractive.

The structure was moved to its present location by Historic Easton, Incorporated, in 1975 in an attempt to save it from being demolished by the Town of Easton to make way for a parking lot. Little is known of the early history of the building. Its most recent use was as a small laundry.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Easton

DATE

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STATE

Maryland 21601

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Hammond Street near Bay Street
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974

St Aubins
Heights

EASTON
(BM 38)

SON NECK

1 060 000 FEET

OXFORD 8 MI.

STUMPTOWN 18 MI. 407
TRAPPE 6.7 MI.

(TRAPPE)
5761 HNF

SCALE 1:24 000



14 x 1.77

52%

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"LITTLE BROTHER" HOUSE

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EASTON, MD.

LOOKING SOUTH EAST

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